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SUBJECT: UK GOVERNMENT SEEKS DEEPER COUNTER-RADICALIZATION COORDINATION

Classified By: Political Counselor Robin Quinville, Reasons 1.4 (B,D)

11. (C/NF) Summary. During a USG-HMG Video Tele Conference (VTC) meeting on August 14, UK officials focused on the UK's PREVENT counter-radicalization strategy. During a VTC on August 14 between US and UK officials, HMG representatives from across government outlined PREVENT counter-radicalization programs. The delegations agreed to start with monthly VTCs on countering violent extremism in order to improve the coordination of counter-radicalization efforts.

UK Believes Programs Working in Pakistan -----

14. (C/NF) UK officials cited three FCO-supported programs they believe have been effective. (Comment: Evidence for effectiveness was anecdotal.)

15. (C/NF) Because of the strong linkages between the British Muslim community and Pakistan, these programs play back to UK audiences and thus are effective.

16. (C/NF) Responding to questions from US officials about security concerns for implementing these kinds of programs in Pakistan, UK official Government Funding Not Death Knell For Programs -----

17. (C/NF) HMG officials believe government sponsorship does not completely undermine the legitimacy of programs, particularly abroad where audiences are skeptical.

Pakistan Strategy Nearly Completed -----

18. (C/NF) The FCO's strategic communications plan for Pakistan will be completed in two to three weeks and shared with the US Government, according to HMG Working With Pakistan Government, Civil Society -----

19. (C/NF) The FCO is sharing its strategic communications research with the Pakistani Government to improve the latter's efforts to counter violent extremism.

10. (C/NF) The FCO also is helping civil society organizations in Pakistan improve their strategic communications. FCO-funded research indicates that these organizations are effective.

11. (C/NF) A RICU official now spends extended periods of time in Pakistan, working with Pakistani Government officials and communities to implement the UK's strategy.

Comment -----

12. (C/NF) The UK Government clearly would like to coordinate counter-radicalization strategies more closely with the US, and several potential areas for cooperation were identified.

13. (C/NF) UK officials after the meeting appeared positive about institutionalizing the VTCs to coordinate PREVENT work, viewing this initial meeting as a success.